

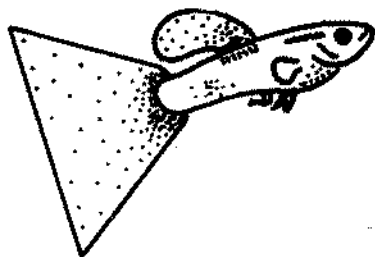
# ***STANDARDS***

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# HANDBOOK



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# forward

The third revised edition of our Show Standards marks a gigantic step forward in the breeding and showing of Guppies throughout Great Britain.

The amalgamation and revision of the F.G.A. and F.G.B.S. Standards to formulate a set of Standards, which, without doubt are the most comprehensive in the world to-day and allows the Guppy breeder full scope for their talents.

The respective J. & S. Committees of the F.G.A. & F.G.B.S., who formed the GUPPY STANDARDS INC., worked together in perfect harmony, the outcome of our work we present in this edition of the Standards . . . make good use of them to breed and show, bigger, better and brighter Guppies.



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KEN RIGBY

Vice-Chairman

Judges' &  
Standards  
Committee.

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# F.G.A.

## ADOPTION OF NEW STANDARDS:

Any member who feels they have a new strain fixed, of a variety not outlined by the F.G.A., are invited to submit (to the J. & S. Committee), the same for inspection at any time with a view to fixing Standards for this said fish.

There are certain rules governing the recognition of new varieties but the Committee are there to help progress, not retard it.

You elected us to serve you, if we do not get approached we cannot do our jobs.

# OUTLINES

MALES

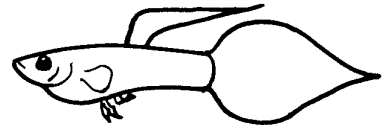
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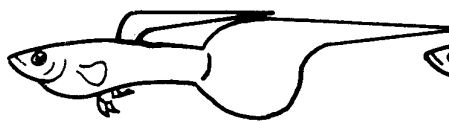
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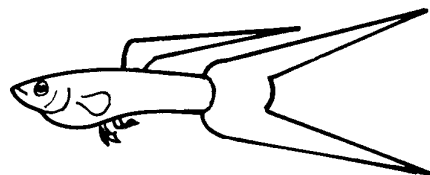
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5. TOP SWORD.



6. BOTTOM SWORD.



7. DOUBLE SWORD.



8. LYRETAIL.



9. SCARFTAIL.



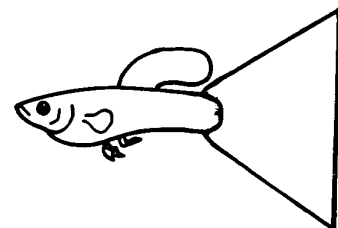
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11. LONG DORSAL VEIL.



12. SHORT DORSAL VEIL.



13. DELTA.



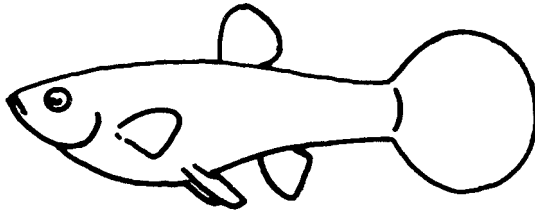
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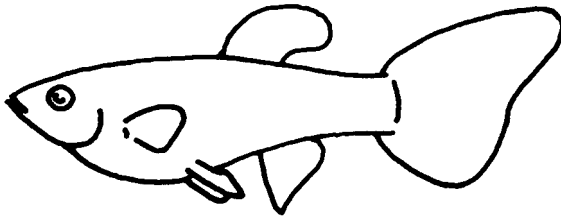
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**FEMALES**

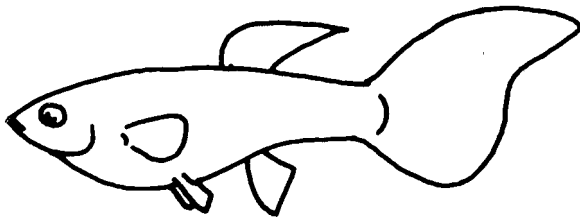
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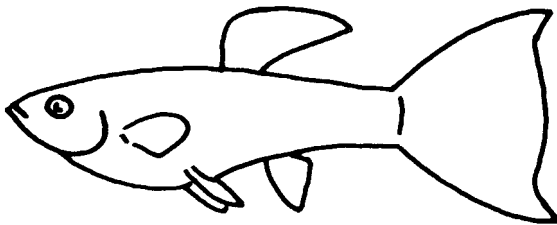
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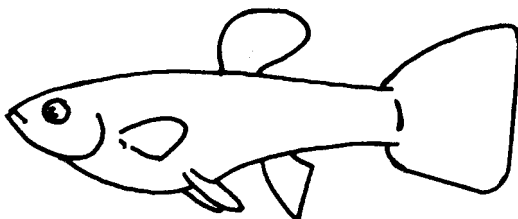
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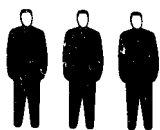
**18. METROPOLITAN.**



**19. SCALLOPTAIL.**



**20. WEDGETAIL.**



## males description

BODY LENGTH to be  $1\frac{1}{8}$ " minimum from the tip of the nose to the end of the caudal peduncle.

BODY DEPTH at the deepest part should be approximately one quarter of the body length ( $9/32$  nds.).

CAUDAL LENGTH is measured from where the upper and lower margins of fin join the body just in front of the caudal peduncle to the end of the fin.

DORSAL LENGTH is measured from base to tip of the fin.

SHAPE as per life size outlines on Page 4.



## basic body colours

GREY	Colour of the wild Guppy. In <u>female</u> fins must be clear.
GOLD	Buttercup yellow which may extend into the fins.
GOLD LACED	All scales edged with black over a gold body; Caudal and dorsal fins streaked with black, no other colours allowed on body or fins.
BLACK, HALF & $\frac{3}{4}$ BLACK	See descriptions on Page 8.
ALBINO	Complete absence of black pigmentation, other colours permitted on body and fins. The eye must appear 'pink' from <u>all</u> angles.
ROBSON	Permitted only in the <u>grey</u> standard basic body colour. The dorsal and caudal fins must be black and no other colour on the body or fins allowed.
SELF COLOUR	A term used to identify fish with only one intense colour including caudal and dorsal fins, red, blue, green, etc. Albino, Black, $\frac{1}{2}$ & $\frac{3}{4}$ Black are colour varieties.
COLOURED	Permitted in the standard basic body colours of grey, gold, gold laced and albino. Body and fins to be highly coloured.



# females description

BODY LENGTH to be 2" from tip of the nose to the caudal peduncle.

BODY DEPTH to be  $\frac{3}{8}$ " at it's deepest point.

SHAPE as per life size illustrations on Page 5.

BASIC BODY COLOURS see Page 6.

## \* disputes

If you have any dispute at any F.G.A. Show you should place your grievance before the Show Secretary. If his explanation does not satisfy you then you should further complain in writing to the J. & S. Committee (see Page 13). They will settle any dispute that arises out of any matter appertaining to Standards or Judging. The findings of this Committee are final and this fact must be recognised before any approach is made.



A Judge is within his right to disqualify an entry if it . . .

- (a) Contravenes the F.G.A. Show Rules.
- (b) Is entered in the wrong class.
- (c) The show jar contains fry.

Our Judges are trained to help the exhibitor where possible by pointing out the mistake and allowing the exhibitor to rectify things before

adjudication. If the mistakes are not rectified then the exhibit will be disqualified. Please read Show Rule No. 14 (Page 10), carefully.

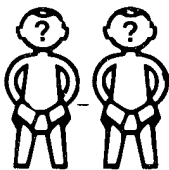
## \* judging sheets

The sheets used by our Judges to come to their decisions are available

to bona fide exhibitors at all shows. Owing to the pressure of time and man power available it isn't always possible for the Judge to point every entry; if you find your entry hasn't been pointed, please have a word with the Judge (you will find his or her name on every sheet) who will be only too pleased to help. The use of the sheets is subject to the needs of the Show Staff, please help them complete their paperwork by waiting until they have finished before asking for the judging sheets.

NON F.G.A. SHOWS: If you exhibit in these then the local rules must be followed. Most of the major bodies in Great Britain have agreed to use our system where possible and we have representatives on all these aquatic Associations.





# date of birth

(Breeders Classes): No attention is paid to date of birth because the growth rates differ given differing conditions and it has been found in practice that the date is usually only a guess. If other Societies demand the date of birth then it must be printed on the show jar but the F.G.A. do not require this information.

## \* A.O.V.

ANY OTHER VARIETY CLASSES: A.O.V. Male and A.O.V. Female - both these classes are designed for the breeder with experimental strains and must not be used to exhibit poor STANDARD OUTLINE Guppies. The F.G.A. Judges will, if necessary, disqualify poor Standard shaped fish entered in these two classes.

## \* colour

In this F.G.A. Show Class, the winning entries are selected and pointed without regard to finnage shape or type so long as the fins are regular and without damage and the fish is evenly balanced. SIXTY points are allocated for COLOUR alone giving excellent opportunities to small, brilliantly-coloured fish or those displaying attractive body markings.

## Identification

of the different types of BLACK Guppies.

### HALF BLACK

- The black colouration to extend over half the body length. Fins can be any colour and any standard outline.

THREE-QUARTER BLACK - The black to extend over  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the body length, that is up to an imaginary line drawn through the pectoral fin joints. Fins any standard outline and colour.

### BLACK

- The black to extend over half the body length and to include both dorsal and caudal fins. Fins can be to any standard outline.



If entries warrant it at the major shows special classes are benched for this type of Guppy but it must be emphasised they are only colour varieties.

# show pointing\*

## SINGLE FISH both male and female.

BODY .....	20	(10 for size; 10 for shape).
CAUDAL FIN .....	20	{ ditto }
DORSAL FIN .....	20	{ ditto }
COLOUR .....	20	{ 5 each for dorsal, caudal, body, intensity }
CONDITION & DEPORTMENT	20	{ 10 for condition; 10 for deportment }.

## BREEDERS CLASSES (four fish as one exhibit)

MATCHING .....	20	A Breeder's Class entry may consist of four Matched Males or four Matched Females or two Matched Pairs.
BODY .....	20	
FINNAGE .....	20	
COLOUR .....	20	
CONDITION & DEPORTMENT	20	No date of birth is necessary.

## COLOUR CLASS (single fish)

BODY COLOUR .....	20	The object of this class is to encourage breeders who may have colourful, new or experimental strains not yet fixed as to finnage. Entries are pointed without regard to finnage shape or type so long as the fins are regular and without damage.
CAUDAL COLOUR .....	20	
DORSAL COLOUR .....	20	
BODY & FINS .....	20	
CONDITION & DEPORTMENT	20	

## MASTER BREEDER'S ENTRY (seven males and two females) benched as . . .

The nine fish will occupy three separate show jars:

- Jar 1 One single male
- 2 Four matched males
- 3 Two matched males & two matched females.

### All from the same strain

Each jar will be pointed separately on the same basis as they would be judged if entered in separate classes, the three totals will then be added together and divided by three to give the average.

The J. & S. Committee feel this type of class will enable the advanced Guppy breeder to prove his worth, it is also hoped that this class will advance the production of new varieties.

\* A system of pointing entries used throughout the Fancy Guppy Association and recommended by the majority of major aquatic groups.

# show rules

Supercedes all previous rules.  
October - 1967.

- 1 Judges shall be approved by the members of the F.G.A.
- 2 Other than the Show Secretary (or his deputy(s) and authorised trainee Judges, NO exhibitors shall talk to or approach the Judges whilst Judging is in progress.
- 3 Exhibitors are forbidden to touch any exhibit during the show unless authorised to do so by the Show Secretary.
- 4 Any dispute arising at a show may be investigated by the Judges and the Show Secretary, their ruling shall be final.
- 5 All exhibitors under these rules shall be paid up members of the F.G.A. invited shows excepted.
- 6 ALL classes may be divided or amalgamated as entries warrant by the Show Secretary.
- 7 In ALL F.G.A. shows, table, open or joint, non-Association members' entries MUST be benched in non-F.G.A. member's classes.
- 8 Shows may be staged in conjunction with other aquarium bodies at the written invitation of their Secretary.
- 9 A Breeder's Class shall consist of 4 males or 4 females or 2 matched males and 2 matched females, excepting Master Breeder entry.
- 10 Visiting F.G.A. members shall be eligible for all awards.
- 11 Section Open Shows shall be limited to ONE per annum; special shows excepted.
- 12 All judging sheets shall be based on the Five Twenties system.
- 13 The fee chargeable to non-F.G.A. Societies for the service of an Association Judge shall be ONE GUINEA.
- 14 Each entry to be staged in approved 40 oz. Standard jars, that is to say one fish per jar, excepting Breeders' Classes, unless otherwise allowed by the Show Secretary. Jar decoration: the painting of the base black and the lids red are the only decoration allowed. No gravel or plants or markings of any kind other than the official identification labels. Water level must be just below the shoulder of the jar. Disqualification of the entry will result in any contravention of this rule.
- 15 A Silver Star Card shall be awarded for single entries gaining a FIRST award with a total of not less than 75 points, or a Breeders' entry gaining not less than 73 points. After FIVE Silver Star Cards are won an exhibitor is eligible to wear the Silver Badge.
- 16 After an exhibitor has been awarded his Silver Badge he will then have to gain five more single or breeder's awards: single fish 80 points, breeder 75 or over to become eligible for a Gold Badge.

- 17 Gold Badge holders will then have to gain five FIRSTS with single entries with five different varieties with not less than 75 points (this can include the variety shown for the Gold Badge) or five firsts in a Breeder's Class with not less than 73 points with Matched Pairs only.
- 18 On reaching his fifth Gold Star he will then have to gain FIVE firsts with not less than 73 points in a Breeder's Class with not less than three exhibitors to become eligible for a Breeders' Diploma.
- 19 On attaining the Breeder's Diploma, exhibitors will then have to gain TEN firsts with single entries (any variety) with not less than 75 points or TEN firsts in a Breeder's Class, with not less than 73 points at OPEN SHOWS only to be eligible for the major award of the Gold Jewelled Guppy and the Association Diploma.
- 20 Any matters not covered in these show rules shall be dealt with by the Judges' & Standards' Committee.
- 21 The Judges' & Standards' Committee will meet to settle any disputes that arise out of any matter appertaining to Standards or their interpretation. The findings of this Committee as given by their Chairman are final.
- 22 A Judge or Show Secretary can only disqualify entries as follows:
  - Fish entered in the wrong class
  - Contravention of the Show RulesJudges are reminded to act with discretion before disqualifying.
- 23 Although the F.G.A. does not debar the use of hormones it does discourage the use of those of which little is known. Where hormones known to be dangerous have been used members are required to notify the Show Secretary when benching fish. That a notice to this effect will be exhibited at all F.G.A. Shows.
- 24 All fish entered in shows run under F.G.A. Show Rules shall be the bona fide property of the exhibitor and have been in his or her possession for at least 28 days prior to the show entered.
- 25 Any fish entered in A.O.V. Males, A.O.V. Females or Colour Classes will not be eligible for Best In Show awards.
- 26 That after attaining a Gold Jewelled Badge members start at the beginning again and on gaining their second thirty stars, receive a bar to their badge.

## \* stars

An explanation of the Star System is fully covered by Show Rules 15 to 19.

ALL claims for verification of Star Awards must be made to the ASSOCIATION SHOW SECRETARY (see Page 13).

Exchange of badges to the ASSOCIATION SECRETARY.



# Guppy Standards Inc.

When the two major Guppy Groups in Great Britain met to discuss the setting up of a joint Standard, certain technicalities regarding the copyrights of the existing Standards cropped up; to overcome this both groups agreed at a meeting held at Stafford, on April 9th., 1967, that a new organisation be set up to produce the new joint Standards. This Group is to be known as GUPPY STANDARDS INC., and shall consist of not more than four members . . .

For the F.G.A.        JIM KELLY    The Association Chairman.  
                         KEN RIGBY    The Vice-Chairman of the J. & S. Committee.  
For the F.G.B.S.    KEN PEARCE   The President of the Federation.  
                         DOCTOR COLE   The Chairman of the J. & S. Committee.

These positions to be filled by whosoever the respective memberships of each group duly elect to these positions within the framework of their individual Constitutions. The only function of G.S.I. is to draw up and present a list of Standards agreeable to both Guppy Groups and to encourage the use of the same whenever and wherever Guppies are exhibited. G.S.I. was formed with the full co-operation of the Management Committees from both the F.G.A. and F.G.B.S.

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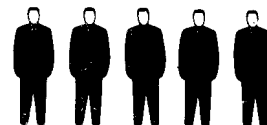
## judge's course



Every time you select fish for a show you are acting as a Guppy JUDGE!

Your skill at selection would obviously improve with the right training - it costs but ten shillings to enrol for the F.G.A. Judge's Course, a small amount for the large benefits such knowledge would give. Applications from members in Great Britain should be addressed to the Vice-Chairman of the J. & S. Committee; Overseas should apply to the Overseas' Secretary. See Page 13 for their addresses.

# who's who?



## JUDGES AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE

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\* Thus indicated are Class 'A' F.G.A. Judges.

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## Association Show

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## Association

Treasurer: JOHN F. JEFFERY 139 The Crescent - Arden Park  
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